



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

David P. STRAUSS et al

U.S. Serial No.: 08/881,948

Group Art Unit: 1753

Filed: June 25, 1997

Title: Mechanically Joined Sputtering  
Target and Adaptor Thereof

Examiner: R. McDonald

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**AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated August 1, 2003. The Examiner set a three month period for response. A petition and fee authorization for a one month extension of time are attached, making this response due on or before December 1, 2003. Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows: